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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the claims as follows:

## In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 11-14 and 17.

## Please amend Claims 27-28 and 30 as follows:

27. (Amended) The composite of claim 23 wherein the biopolymer structure [are] <u>is at least one</u> fiber [or fibers].

28. (Amended) The composite of claim 23 wherein the biopolymer structure is a biopolymer matt.

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